

SAF/LLZ (Legislative Research Team)

CAPITO, Shelley Moore (Republican)
Representative, 2nd District, West Virginia
Elected 2000 to 107th Congress
Relected to succeeding Congress



BACKGROUND

Born: Glen Dale, West Virginia -- 26 November 1953

Home: Charleston, West Virginia

Marital status: Married (Charles) - 3 children

Religion: Presbyterian

Education: Duke Univ, B.S., 1975; Univ of Virginia, M.Ed., 1976

Military: None

Profession: University system information center director; college career counselor

Political: Served in the West Virginia House, 1997-2000. Elected to the US House of Representatives in 2000 by defeating Jim Humphreys (D) with 48% of the vote to succeed Rep Bob Wise (D), who ran for governor. Reelected in 2002 with 60% of the vote.

Rep Capito, a socially moderate Republican, won her election by focusing on job creation, improving education, health care, and preserving Social Security. Favors shifting control of education funds and programs from the federal government to the local government. Confirmed support for small businesses, which she called the backbone of the community. Vowed to fight against burdensome rules, regulations, and taxes. Also advocated comprehensive tax reform that would reduce the overall tax burden. Takes a pro-choice stand on abortion and supports gun rights.

In the 107th Congress, opposed an amdt to the Treasury Appns bill to stop the automatic COLA for Members of Congress. Explained "with the economy slowing and our work in Congress to keep government spending in check, it is wrong for us to give ourselves a pay raise." Urged all eligible West Virginia veterans to apply for the "Jubilee of Liberty" medal from the French government as a token of gratitude for helping liberate France during World War II. In Sep01, sponsored H.R. 2956 to amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Defense to accept contributions for the Pentagon Reservation Maintenance Revolving Fund to be used to repair the damage caused by the terrorist attack on the Pentagon that occurred on September 11, 2001. Co-sponsored 'concurrent receipt' resolution and a resolution calling for the restoration of health care coverage for retired members of the uniformed services.

Additional: Her father, Arch A. Moore, Jr., served in the House of Representatives (1957-69) and as governor (1969-77; H1985-89).

AF Bases: Kanawha Co. Apt (ANG); Eastern WVA Regional Apt (ANG)

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